



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for Regional Input/Comment on Goal 3 Strategic Targets

FROM: Barry Breen
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TO: Deputy Regional Administrators

We want to extend our thanks to Regional and Headquarters staff and management for their work in developing the draft architecture for Goal 3 of the EPA 2006-2011 Strategic Plan. This draft architecture reflects months of effort by the Goal 3 team, working with our partners and stakeholders, to define the results we want to achieve and to chart our course for achieving those results. The new outcome-oriented strategic targets supporting this architecture are a significant improvement over the current plan, and will strengthen our planning, program execution, and assessment processes.

As you know, the draft architecture for EPA's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan was released for public comment on February 14, 2006. As a follow-up action, we are requesting that Regions work with states and Tribes to comment on all proposed measures and to develop estimates of progress by 2011 in each Region. In developing Regional targets, Regions should use the national targets in the proposed architecture as a point of reference. In many instances, particularly concerning our Hazardous Waste program measures, strategic targets are still being developed. In these cases, we will work with you through the end of the strategic plan development process to ensure that the 5-year national targets contained in EPA's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan meet the government-wide criteria of being both ambitious and attainable.

Please respond with your estimates, comments and observations on Regional 5-year targets for Goal 3 by March 31, 2006, the end of the public comment period on the draft architecture. These targets are attached for your convenience. Responses should be directed to Goal 3 Regional staff leads Eric Steinhaus (R8) 303-312-6837 for Superfund-related targets and Kathy Kelley (R10) 206-553-2691 for RCRA-related targets.

In closing, we want to thank all of you for your continued support. Together we can ensure the successful and timely completion of our 2006-2011 Strategic Plan and its submittal to the Congress at the end of September 2006.

cc: Goal 3 Team Members

Attachment